GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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DECLARATION OF CITIES AS MEGA CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some states have submitted any proposals to declare some of their cities as Mega city;

(b) if so, the names of the cities proposed to be declared as mega cities, State-wise; and

(c) the nature and quantum of grant given by the Central Govt. to States for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(c): State Government of Gujarat requested fordeclaring Ahmedabad as Mega City under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities.

Mega Cities under the Scheme were declared keeping in view thepopulation criteria of 40 lakhs as per 1991 census. As Ahmedabad did not have population of 40 lakhs, as per 1991 census, it was not declared Mega Cityunder the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities.

Central and State Government release grants to the nodal agency in the ratio of 25:25 for infrastructural development of the mega city. Balance 50% is reaised by the nodal agency or implementing agencies from financial institutions. Quantum of grant in any financial year to mega city is decided by application of rational formula and availability of funds.